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President's Corner - July 2015

Welcome to July and another Field Day is behind us. I, for one, had a blast! I spent less time operating this year, but was still very busy. We had four kids make QSOs as well as some learning to log. Lloyd Hartshorn (N6DOK) was a great elmer! I didn't realize, until I re-read the 2015 Field Day Rules, that the under 18 QSOs are worth 20 points apiece with a maximum of 100 points. We achieved the max!



Speaking of stats...here are the numbers for each of the stations:



80 meters – 0 CW, 170 Phone, 170 Total
40 meters – 256 CW, 350 Phone, 606 Total
20 meters – 141 CW, 236 Phone, 377 Total
15 meters – 53 CW, 54 Phone, 107 Total
10 meters – TBD (NOTE: Someone went on a vacation before sending me the log.)

Total Field Day Contacts = 1260 + 10 meter results



I think the new "Welcome" feather banner was a hit. It caught people's eye and helped direct them to the public information table.

We managed to get visits from the fire department, including one of the chiefs, as well as

the police department. Unfortunately, although a couple of our city council members RSVP'd, they were a no show. I have already compiled a list of schedulers for other elected officials in our area so we can invite them next year.

All of the station tents were awesome! I liked Lloyd's unique use of a Black & Decker



Workmate as a table. ☺ I also liked Greg Miller's addition of solar powered lights to the hex beam guy wire stakes. We had a chat about what other fun things we could do with LED lights next year? [NOTE: The secret word (acronym) for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "LED." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it to Ray at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.] Speaking of Greg Miller...he was operating 20 meters into the early hours Sunday. I was trying to get a few hours of sleep before operating again. But around 3:30am I was awakened by Greg's VERY enthusiastic and LOUD voice going after a weak signal, "KILO UNIFORM

SIX SIERRA!" He eventually got the contact!

Good job, Greg! Note to self...bring ear plugs next year! ☺

All in all, things went very smoothly and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all of the station captains and other members who volunteered their time to make this Field Day another success!

73!

Steve
KG6HJU



[Left] THIS has got to be the funniest scene I saw at Field Day. At first, I thought that Bernhard (AE6YN) was trying on a new costume for Halloween. But it seemed a little early in the season to do so. Then I realized he was just using a very efficient approach to emptying any dirt and leaves in his tent. ~Steve KG6HJU

[Below] Bernhard working 10 meters.



The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday (on 144.230 MHz) and Sunday (on 7.057 MHz \pm 3 KHz) night at 7:30 pm. You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in this net.

The net now has its own email address. Please contact us here:

"SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

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Bernhard AE6YN

Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net is take place....Every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PWW repeater, 147.015 MHz, posi)ve offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

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Bernhard AE6YN

SBARA Membership meeting this Friday, July 10th at 7:30 p.m.
Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Court (off of Warm Springs Blvd), Fremont
Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the pre-meeting dinner.
Ho Chow Restaurant, 47966 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont. (510) 657-0683